

# What If Islam Ruled America

Islam is more than a religion; It is a comprehensive way of life. The Quran (believed by Muslims to be Allah's word), and the Hadith (Mohammed's sayings as recorded by Al Bukhari), prescribe numerous regulations governing every aspect of the social, political, economical, as well as religious life. The belief that (Islam is a religion and a state) is an integral part of the Islamic religion. Let's examine what Islam would do if it ruled America. What would happen to the values and institutions that we hold dear?

## **First: LIBERTY**

This country was built on the Bill of Rights, established by the founding fathers who came here to escape religious oppression. The Constitution gives citizens the right to express themselves as they please, criticize the president, to worship in the way they want and to act in any way they see appropriate as long as they don't violate the rights of others. What would happen to this freedom in an Islamic state? Would the citizens be granted the right to choose the religion they want or would they be forced into Islam according to the Quranic verse: "If anyone desires a religion other than Islam, never will it be accepted of him, and in the hereafter he will be in the ranks of those who have lost." (Surah 3:85) How about the right of a Muslim to change his own religion? Would he be given this right or would he be punished according to the apostasy rule which states that such a person should be punished by death? Mohammed said "Whoever changes his religion, kill him." (Al Bukhari Vol. 9:57)

Do Muslim activists want us to have the same rights granted to the citizens of an Islamic country such as Saudi Arabia, where women are not allowed to drive an automobile and no one can worship openly according to any religion other than Islam? Do they want us to be ruled by a ruler such as Khomeini, who issued an order to murder a writer, Salman Rushdie, just because he dared to criticize Islam? Even in a moderate Islamic state such as Egypt, Christians have to obtain a presidential decree to be able to build a church, or even repair a toilet in a church. They face discrimination in all aspects of their lives, including education, employment and promotions.

## **Second: DEMOCRACY**

Our present system in the USA gives citizens the right to rule themselves, to write the laws that will govern their lives, to decide the amount of taxes to be collected from them and how it will be spent. One important principle in this great system is the separation of church and state. Islam, however, is built on an opposing concept, for "Islam is a religion and a state." According to Islam, the Quran is the principal source of legislation: " We have sent down to thee the book in truth, that you might judge men as guided by God." (Surah 4:105)

If the Quran is the law, what are some of the rules and regulations that will be imposed? Here are just a few examples:

**STEALING:** punished by hand amputation. (Surah 5:41)

**ADULTERY:** punished by public flogging. (Surah 24:2)

**DRINKING:** punished by 40 or 80 lashes. For the third offense, the drinker should be excuted (Al Bukhari 8:770)

**RESISTING ISLAM:** punished by death, crucifixion, or the cutting off of hands and feet (Surah 5:36).

Prisons in Muslim countries are known to be centers of torture rather than rehabilitation.

### **Third: EQUALITY**

Under our system in the United States, there should be no discrimination among citizens based on sex, color, religion or race. Would Islam treat men and women equally when: It teaches that men are superior to women. (Surah 2:228) It gives men double the share of women in inheritance. (Surah 4:11) It gives the man double the value of a woman's witness in court. (Surah 2:282) Would Islam treat non-Muslims fairly when: The Quran calls on Muslims not to befriend Jews or Christians. (Surah 9:30) The Quran imposes "Jizya" (tribute tax) on Christians and Jews that will be collected only from them and not from Muslims? (Surah 9:29) Mohammed says that a Muslim may not be killed if he kills a non-Muslim." No Muslim should be killed for killing a kafir (infidel or non-Muslim.)" (Al Bukhari Vol. 9:50)

### **Could Islam Someday Rule America?**

Islam is the fastest growing religion in America. Today, the number of followers of Islam in the United States has reached 4 to 6 million. It is expected that Islam will be the second largest religion in America before the turn of the century from immigration, marriage and converting. It is only a matter of time before Islam will become the religion of the majority. America, then, will be labeled an "Islamic country", ruled by the "Quran" and the "Hadith" or what Muslims call Sharia Law (the Islamic code of ethics).

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